WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing method for performing correction processing according to an attribute of an image, comprising the steps of:

analyzing a format of compressed data contained in a drawing instruction;

developing the compressed data to a bit map using a method corresponding to an analysis result in said analyzing step; and

performing correction processing on the bit map according to the attribute of the image identified on the basis of the analysis result.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the attribute of the image includes a text, graphics and an image.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein when compressed data is contained as a result of analyzing the drawing instruction to perform image attribute discrimination, a format of the compressed data is analyzed to perform image attribute discrimination.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein when the drawing instruction contains a text command, the attribute of the image is identified as text.

5.   The method according to claim 3, wherein when the drawing instruction contains a drawing function for drawing a figure, the attribute of the image is identified as the graphics.

6.   The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the format of the compressed data is JPEG, the attribute of the image is identified as image.

7.   The method according to claim 1, the drawing instruction are described in a page-description language.

8.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the correction processing includes color correction, color conversion and n-valued processing.

9.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the analysis is made on the basis of information on an extension indicative of a type of compression format.

10.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the correction processing is color matching using ICC profile information.

11.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the correction processing is to correct skin tones.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the correction processing is red-eye correction.

13. A storage medium on which a program for implementing an image processing method is recorded so that correction processing is performed according to an attribute of an image, the method comprising the steps of:

analyzing a format of compressed data contained in a drawing instruction;

developing the compressed data to a bit map using a method corresponding to an analysis result in said analyzing step; and

performing correction processing on the bit map according to the attribute of the image identified on the basis of the analysis result.

14. An image forming apparatus for performing correction processing according to an attribute of an image, comprising:

analysis means for analyzing a format of compressed data contained in a drawing instruction;

developing means for developing the compressed data to a bit map using a method corresponding to an analysis result by said analysis means; and

correcting processing means for performing correction processing on the bit map according to the

attribute of the image identified on the basis of the
analysis result.